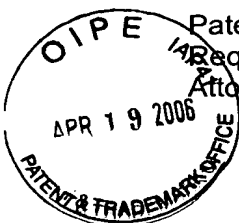


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Patent No. 6,982,051
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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following error appears in the patent as printed:

Column 12, line 23, Claim 9, "OD² outside" should read -- OD² is outside --
(See Amendment of 02/28/2005, page 7, Claim 10, line 5.
Claim 10 issued as Claim 9.)

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12, line 23, Claim 9, "OD² outside" should read -- OD² is outside --

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated September 30, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, together with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the **SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the **CLAIMS** begin on page 4 of this document.

REMARKS begin on page 9 of this document.

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~~8.~~ (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the melting step includes the simultaneous heating of both the terminal edge of the first conduit portion and the terminal edge of the second conduit portion.

~~9.~~ (Cancelled)

~~10.~~ (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ⁹ ~~[[9]]~~, wherein conduit surface area (pSa) in square inches is calculated utilizing the following formula:

$$pSa = \frac{\pi(OD^2 - ID^2)}{4}$$

⁵ wherein π is 3.1416 circle formula, OD^2 is outside diameter in inches squared and ID^2 is inside diameter in inches squared.

~~11.~~ ¹⁰ (Original) The method of claim ⁹ ~~10~~, wherein when a conduit area is 1.00 square inch, the gauge pressure is calculated utilizing the following formula:

$$Gp = pSa \times Ip$$

~~12.~~ ¹¹ (Original) The method of claim ¹⁰ ~~11~~, wherein when pipe surface area (pSa), interfacial pressure (Ip) and cylinder area of machine (Ca) are known, the gauge pressure is calculated utilizing the following formula:

$$MGp = \frac{pSa \times Ip}{Ca}$$

~~13.-32.~~ (Cancelled)